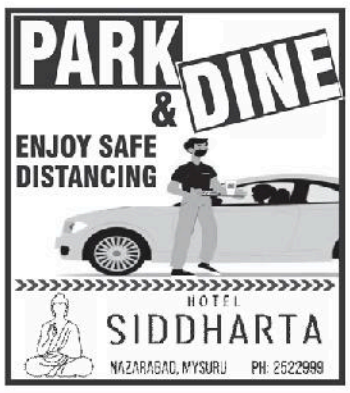

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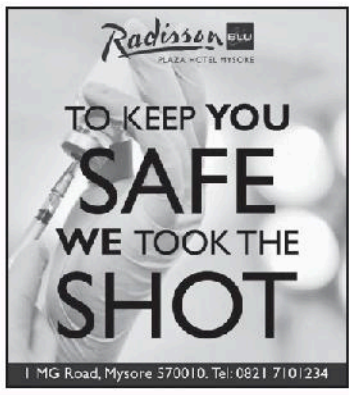

'Self-defense' training for College students on the anvil: Home Minister

Police Department to impart training; Officers' Training Academy planned on the lines of NDA

Probationary Police Officers taking out a march-past during the Passing Out Parade held at KPA premises in city this morning. Picture right shows All-Round Best Probationer N.N. Somanath, PSI (Civil), receiving Chief Minister's Sword from Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and DG&IGP Praveen Sood.

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&SSV)- The State Government will impart training in 'self-defense' for College students in order to prepare them both physically and mentally, said Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised in connection with the Passing Out Parade of 35th batch probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy.SPs) and 43rd batch Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) here this morning.

The Minister said that training would be given by Police Department in coordination with the Department of Collegiate Education. It is aimed at preparing College students mentally and physically to protect themselves in case of emergency.

Modalities were being worked out and it would be launched soon in all Colleges across the State, he said.

Officers' Training Academy

Bommai said, on the lines of National Defence Academy (NDA), the State Home Department is toying with the idea of establishing Officers' Training Academy (OTA). A good number of expert administrators were available in the Department and their services would be utilised in the proposed OTA.

A Committee, headed by In-charge Additional Director General of Police (ADG-P)-Training P. Harishekaran, has been constituted to work out a detailed report in this regard. Once the report was submitted to the Government, necessary action would be initiated to set up the OTA, the Minister stated.

Police reforms

He said 27,000 posts were vacant in Police Department before the BJP Government came to power. In the last one-and-a-half years, the Government has filled in 13,000 posts and the rest would be filled in the next 22 months. Already, the recruitment of 4,000 Police Constables was on and notification to fill up another 6,000 posts of Police Constables would be issued soon, he said.

Of the total vacant 2,500 posts of SIs, already, 1,500 posts have been filled up and 500 posts will be filled up soon.

Steps would be taken to improve functioning of KPA by providing it with additional facilities, the Minister said.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has released funds for welfare of Police personnel and their families. The scholarship for 2nd PU passed children of Police personnel had been approved. An ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 30 lakh was being given to any Police personnel who died of COVID-19 pandemic, Bommai stated.

(See TRAINING on page 6)

I stand by my words on cracks in KRS Dam: Mandya MP

'CNNL officers are not qualified Dam safety certifying authority'

Srirangapatna, July 14 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- In the backdrop of her statement that Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam has developed cracks due to rampant stone mining and blasting around it, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish visited the Dam this morning and took first-hand information from the officials.

(See KRS DAM on page 6)

CoWIN-KAR pilot project in city from next week

- Ambitious plan aimed at a glitch-free vaccination registration process
- Information on jab availability to be relayed 24 to 36 hours before schedule

Mysuru, July 14 (MTY&BCT)- Many have complained about difficulties in booking a vaccination slot on the CoWIN App platform amid shortage of vaccine doses and the platform is being controlled by the Centre.

Amidst a clamour by States including Maharashtra and Delhi for a separate mechanism for a smooth COVID-19 vaccination drive following instances of glitches in CoWIN App, the Karnataka Government has developed a new App called CoWIN-KAR (online registration App) and a pilot project will be implemented in Mysuru city to smoothen the vaccination drive and to encourage more and more people to get their jabs.

It is a separate State-level platform from where the data could be shared with the Union Government through an interface with CoWIN App.

(See COWIN-KAR on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th July 2021

NEP will be implemented in Govt. institutions from current academic year

Dharwad, July 14 (UNI) - Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who also holds the Higher Education portfolio, on Monday said that the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) will be implemented in the Government educational institutions from the current academic year (2021-22).

Addressing a meeting convened with educationists at Karnataka University regarding NEP-2020, he said that NEP will be implemented in Government higher education institutions by making use of LMS (Learning Manage System) and Unified University College Management System (UUCMS).

Private Colleges which have good infrastructure should come forward to implement NEP from the current year itself. Other institutions should also get ready to implement this in a gradual manner, he suggested.

NEP aims to integrate various capabilities of the human intellect. It aspires to provide global exposure to the students even as it wishes to make them aware of the roots of the Indian tradition, he explained.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Each one of us is seeking happiness in this world. We try to be happy by either accumulating things or by relating with people of this world. We try to accumulate wealth, flashy gadgets and trendy outfits and enjoy tasty foodstuffs. The happiness derived from them is insubstantial and temporary, according to the 'Bhagwad Gita' and cannot give us the lasting happiness that we are craving.

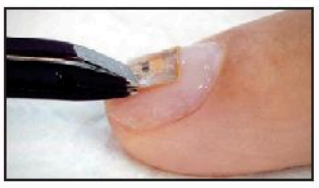
Our relationships with our spouse, family, friends and society give us significant happiness. However, being based on the body, they are subject to its limitations. As a body is subjected to disease, old age and death, our ability to reciprocate love too is affected and ends at our death.

We are craving for everlasting and ever-increasing happiness. The worldly and bodily relationships can only give us temporary, limited, and impure happiness. In fact, our craving for everlasting and ever-increasing happiness implies that we have experienced it before. We have experienced it in our relationship with God. The Supreme Lord is an unlimited reservoir of love. The relationship with Him is spiritual and is unaffected by the dualities of old age and death. The Supreme Lord is all attractive and full of opulence in beauty, knowledge, strength. Therefore, He is denoted by the name – Krishn.

Krishn is competent to reciprocate our love all the time, everywhere and in any way. His love is completely selfless. His only intention is to make us happy. He is self-satisfied and He has nothing to gain from us. We have broken our relationship with our Creator, Krishn and instead struggle to find this happiness all the time. — *Radhanath Swami in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Microchip manicure turns nails into business cards



Dubai: A beauty salon in Dubai has been getting a lot of attention for its microchip manicure, which involves applying a small NFC chip onto the client's fingernails and turning them into business cards.

Instead of using a needle to insert the subdermal chip, the Lanour Beauty Lounge in Dubai simply applies it onto the fingernail and covers it with a special coating for protection. They can have all sorts of data installed onto the chip, from the user's social media profiles and websites, to their contact details and phone number.

According to Lanour Beauty Lounge, the microchip manicure uses "near-field communication (NFC), a short-range wireless technology that makes smartphones, tablets, wearables, payment cards and other devices even smarter."

Man sentenced for "torturing" neighbours

Nizhny Novgorod: A Russian man was given a 3.5-year suspended prison sentence for tormenting his neighbours with loud horse neighing and stomping noises every night, for over two years.

47-year-old Yuri Kondratyev is famous in his home city of Nizhny Novgorod, after making national headlines for mentally torturing the neighbours in his apartment building for over two years. The unemployed man, who lives alone ever since his wife left him, started harassing his neighbors in 2018. Annoyed by the noises one of his neighbours' kids were making during the day, Yuri started exacting his revenge on the whole building at night. At first, he started playing loud rock music for hours and at one point switched to recordings of horse neighing and stomping.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Your heart pumps blood on a round trip about 1000 times a day
Help your heart to stay healthy by walking at least 30 minutes a day

By Dr. C B Keshavamurthy - Consultant Interventional Cardiology

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One of the world's most expensive spices, saffron, sells for over $500 per ounce. The three tiny threadlike stigmas in the centre of the flower are harvested individually, making saffron a very labour-intensive spice and thus very expensive. Iran is the world's biggest producer of saffron, at 360 tons per year.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 12	JULY 13
Day's Positive Cases	177	198
Total Positive Cases	1,69,953	1,70,151
Day's Discharges	499	228
Total Discharges	1,64,976	1,65,204
Day's Deaths	10	3
Total Deaths	2,247	2,250
Total Active Cases	2,730	2,697

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Invited to deliver talk at Intl. Meet

Dr. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, July 14- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the virtual International Conference scheduled at Edinburgh, United Kingdom, from July 19 and 20.

He will be speaking on the topic, "Technological Advances and Research Prospects in Cryogenic Engineering" in the Conference titled International Conference on Recent Innovations in Engineering & Technology (ICRIET).

This conference has been organised by International Society for Engineering Research and Development (ISERD) in association with PET, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- *First hand-held mobile phone call was made on April 3, 1973, in New York City.*
- *In Ancient Egypt, the word for 'cat' was actually pronounced 'mew', or 'meow'.*
- *The printing press, which revolutionised the sharing of information, was invented by Gutenberg around the year 1440.*
- *The largest contiguous land empire in history is The Mongol Empire.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *Hey mum can I have 100 dollars?*
Mum: *Son, money doesn't grow on trees.*
Boy: *Where does money come from?*
Mum: *Paper*
Boy: *Does paper come from...?*
Mum: *??!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.59
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.06
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.28
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.89

VOICE OF THE READER

Install traffic signals at JP Nagar junction

Sir,

It has been noticed with concern that there is a lot of uncontrolled vehicular movement at the junction of a Hotel located on Akkamahadevi Road in JP Nagar.

It is proving to be very difficult for pedestrians, especially the elderly, senior citizens, ladies and children residing in the area, to cross the road at this junction what with vehicles whizzing past in all four directions without a thought being shown by some rash drivers towards the lives and safety of pedestrians.

Quite a few accidents have taken place at this junction, resulting in injuries to pedestrians and damage to vehicles. But no action has been taken till date in spite of several repeated letters under this column.

Hence, I earnestly appeal to the traffic authorities concerned to take necessary steps to install traffic signal lights, along with those for pedestrian crossings too, at the said junction, at the earliest and prevent any further mishaps from taking place.

—**Ashok Bhushan**
Vishveshwaranagar
10.7.2021

PM Modi to interact with CMs of 6 States on July 16

Bengaluru, July 14 (AK)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with Chief Ministers of 6 States on July 16 and also hold a review meeting to know the ongoing COVID situation in the respective States.

Chief Ministers from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Maharashtra and Kerala will interact with Narendra Modi as the cases have increased in these States creating a panic situation.

On July 13, Modi held a virtual meeting with 8 Chief Ministers of North Eastern States. Modi expressed concern over spreading of pandemic and urged to control crowd gathering at hill stations.

The PM also wanted to ensure that people wear mask compulsorily and maintain social distancing while at public and tourist places.

Free bus travel for students appearing for SSLC exams

Bengaluru, July 14 (UNI)- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has announced free travel across the State for students appearing for SSLC examinations.

A statement issued here on Tuesday said that the students can freely travel to the examination centre and return to their home towns and villages. The KSRTC authorities have been asked to make stops wherever required for the students to reach the examination centres.

The students appearing for the exams are asked to carry the hall ticket compulsorily, said Shivayogi Kalasad, the Managing Director of the KSRTC. The SSLC exams are being held in the State on July 19 and 22.

Helpline for SSLC exam

Mysuru, July 14- The Office of the Mysuru Taluk BEO has started a Helpline to provide information to students regarding SSLC exams (July 2021).

Students and parents, who wish to seek information, may contact K.P. Shashiraj on Mob: 89715-44137 or H.K. Kumaraswamy on Mob: 90082-67574, according to a press release from BEO Krishna.

CET coaching at KSOU

Mysuru, July 14- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examination Coaching Centre has organised a 30-day coaching camp for Common Entrance Test (CET) for PUC passed students to take up professional courses.

Interested may register their names at the Centre office between 10 am and 4 pm before July 17. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944.

Mysurean boxer to Tokyo as Head Coach

C.A. Kuttappa to lead a team of nine pugilists for post-COVID Olympics

Mysuru, July 14 (BCT)- India's Chief Men's Boxing Coach Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa will be the Head Boxing Coach for 32nd Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan, between July 23 to August 8.

A resident of Gokulam in Mysuru city, he was nominated for the Dronacharya Award-2018 in boxing. He took over as the Chief Coach for men's boxing in India in 2018 and has played a significant role in the rise of Indian boxing as a force after the disappointment at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics and will travel to Tokyo alongside the nine qualified boxers for the world event.

The team will leave for Tokyo from their training base in Assisi on July 17. An unprecedented nine Indian pugilists have qualified for the Tokyo Olympics this time, including five men and four women. All of them are giving final touches to their games preparations in Assisi. The Games will open on July 23 with boxing competitions starting the next day. The men who have qualified are world number one and Asian Games champion Amit Panghal (52kg), Manish Kaushik (63kg), Vikas Krishan (69kg), Ashish Kumar (75kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg).

The women's squad comprises six-time world champion MC Mary Kom (51kg), Simranjit Kaur (60kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Pooja Rani (75kg). India's qualification performance in boxing this time was markedly better than the 2016 Rio Games where only three made the tournament-proper, none of them women.

The country did not win any boxing medals in the previous Games. India's first boxing medal in the Olympics came in 2008 when Vijender Singh claimed the middleweight bronze, followed by Mary Kom's medal in 2012.

Making India proud

Kuttappa is the second son of late Achaiah and Shanthi (Thamane - Katimada). He married Ashwini (Nancy), daughter of Palangiyanda Uthappa and Greshi Uthappa, residents of Mysuru. They are blessed with a daughter Yudhi, studying in sixth standard.

Kuttappa did his primary schooling at Mahaveer School, Mysuru till seventh standard and continued at Army School Bangalore to study up to 12th. He then joined the NIS Diploma in Sports Coaching in Boxing 2006-2007 and continued with AIBA Star 2 Coaching Course 2017, Rohtak (India), AIBA Star 3 Coaching Course 2019, South Korea and AIBA Cutman course 2017, Uzbekistan.

Kuttappa completed his BA from Bangalore Open University. He joined the Indian Army in 1996 and is presently working as Subedar and is the Head Boxing Coach, Elite Men National Boxing. Kuttappa has made India proud on numerous occasions. He started by winning bronze in the Sub Jr. YMCA Boxing championship in 1994.

He did not look back from then on. After winning nearly 30 matches in the international arena at the age of 30, he became the coach of the Indian boxing team. He has represented India as a coach at many international events including the Olympics.

Declare 'Beauticians' as separate category

Mysuru Beauticians Welfare Association urges State Govt.

Vedavathi N. Rai, President of Mysuru Beauticians Welfare Association, seen addressing a press meet in city yesterday as (from left) Association Joint Secretary Manjula Manavalan, Vice-President Nutan Nanda, Treasurer Pratibha Shetty, Secretary Sabina Jaleel and Jt. Treasurer Sapna look on.

Mysuru, July 14(PM&AK)- The Mysuru Beauticians Welfare Association has urged the State Government to declare them (Beauticians) as a separate category and provide necessary financial help.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Association President K. Vedavathi N. Rai said, "During pandemic since 2020, we had to pay huge rents in spite of salons being closed. Many of us had family responsibilities and EMI to be paid. 85% of women in this profession are bread-earners but we did not get any support."

"A separate category for beauticians has to be declared and the State Government should provide funds and package to beauticians. The continuous pandemic has devastated women entrepreneurs, as many were forced to close the salons. No compensation or relief package is given by the State Government," she rued.

A memorandum has already been submitted to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa with our just demands, she said and added that the CM had promised to look into it.

Calling scribes for MDJA Awards

Mysuru, July 14- The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has invited entries from scribes for conferring its annual awards (2020-21) in four categories — Kannada article, English article, electronic media and photography. The articles or photograph must have been published in newspapers in the period between July 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021.

A journalist can send only one entry. However, MDJA members and office-bearers are not eligible to apply. The last date for submission of entries at the MDJA office, 5th Cross, Thyagaraja Road, near Akkana Balaga, Agrahara, is July 21.

For details, contact Mob: 97405-57277, according to a press release from MDJA Gen. Secretary M. Subramanya.

NEWS BRIEFS

Recruitment on honorarium basis

Women and Child Development Department has invited online applications to fill the 16 vacant posts under Child Development Project on honorarium basis at Biligere and 20 posts at Nanjangud. Eligible candidates may apply on Department website ***[https://www.anganwadirecruit.kar.nic.in/]*** before Aug. 9. For details, contact Ph: 08221-297171 or 08221-226168, according to a press release.

KSOU: Pay exam fees online

The Degree and Post-Graduate students, who have taken admission at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for the academic years 2001-02 to 2014-15 and 2018-19 to 2020-21, may pay exam fees online through the Varsity website ***[www.ksoumysuru.ac.in]*** till Aug. 6. Last date to apply with late fee of Rs. 200 is Aug. 21. For details, contact Mob: 88003-35638, according to a press release from Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan.

Karnataka Educational Award

Youth Efforts for Society (YES) Trust has invited applications from deserving faculties for Karnataka Educational Awards-2021. Achievers in the field of education may apply before July 30. The award ceremony will be held at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru in the month of November. For details, contact Mob: +91-81230-22506.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	88.96 feet
Yesterday	:	88.58 feet
Inflow	:	4,029 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,437 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,277.18 feet
Inflow	:	6,594 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,600 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,849.55 feet
Inflow	:	7,753 cusecs
Outflow	:	405 cusecs

Miners haven't paid Rs.1,200 crore Royalty to Government: MP

Mandya, July 14 (SSV)- Taking a dig at the Department of Mines and Geology, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish took the officials to task for not collecting Rs. 1,200 crore Royalty due to the State Government from the district mining companies for the last so many years.

Talking to reporters after holding a meeting with Officials at the DC office here yesterday, she said *prima facie*, it looks dereliction of duty on the part of the Department officers as they have not made efforts to collect the dues from the mining companies.

Out of Rs.1,200 crore pending, not even Rs. 1 crore has been collected. The companies have not bothered to reply to notices served on them for the payment of penalty towards the Royalty dues. Unfortunately, the officers too have maintained a stoic silence in this regard.

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish addressing officials at the DC's office in Mandya yesterday. Also seen are (from left) ***ZP CEO Divya Prabhu, MP's aide Madhan, DC S. Aswathi, ADC Shylaja and SP Dr. Ashwini.***

"Officers are not giving correct information regarding illegal mining in the district. This shows utter callousness on their part. They have not furnished details on total penalty imposed on illegal mining, against whom cases have been booked and how much Royalty has been collected. Because of their negligent attitude, I am giving instruction to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) to furnish details on the collection of Royalty," Sumalatha said.

The MP said that local people have given information about illegal mining in their nearby villages but officers concerned have failed to act on it. This would be brought to the notice of Mines and Geology Minister Murgesh Nirani.

The Department officers have sought three months time for the collection of Royalty. They have been told to do it as early as possible. Officers must give in writing that who was exerting pressure on them for not taking action on illegal mining. It was possible to develop the district out of the Royalty money, she opined.

Expressing her shock over people coming to KRS Dam for fun and frolic, she said that the Dam was a high-security zone and how such things can take place. "Those who say that the Dam has been safe are quiet on this serious issue. Are they not aware that what all can be done within five minutes? The Minister must be asked to visit the spot and take necessary action. However, it may take some time," she said.

Centre to extend all cooperation to Mekedatu Project

CM B.S. Yediyurappa in conversation with Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, July 14 (UNI)- Brushing aside the Tamil Nadu State Government's opposition over the implementation of the multi-crore Mekedatu Project, proposed by the Karnataka Government, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has assured that the Centre would extend all co-operation to the project.

Speaking to newsmen after chairing a review meeting over the Jaljivan Mission scheme here on Tuesday, Shekhawat said that "the Union Government will take a suitable decision on the Mekedatu Reservoir issue on its merit."

Referring to the Tamil Nadu Government's opposition to the proposed project, he said: "The stand taken by Tamil Nadu Government will not have any bearing on the Centre's decision."

"Whatever opinion the TN Government has on the issue, the Centre will go by the merit of the project," he said.

Earlier, speaking on the issue, Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa reiterated that the State Government will go ahead with the project, as it is beneficial to both the States.

He said that Union Jalshakti Minister has assured to see through clearances for all pending water projects in Karnataka, including the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project.

He said the Karnataka Government had impressed upon Shekawat to make way for pending environmental clearance for the Mekedatu project. That apart, the Government also spoke about the pending Krishna Tribunal Award gazette notification along with required permissions from the Centre for Kalasa Banduri, Upper Bhadra and Yettinahole projects. "He has assured to help us with all the clearances," the CM added.

The State Government officials also briefed the Union Minister on the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission. The State has been unable to meet the target set under the project for tap water connections to households in rural Karnataka. "We will make efforts to provide an additional 25 lakh tap connections at the earliest," he said.

During the review meeting, Shekawat asked Karnataka to ensure that the project was implemented in a time-bound manner. He advised the State to prioritise the aspirational districts (as identified by NITI Aayog) Yadgir and Raichur and provide tap water connections here at the earliest, an official release stated.

MUDA reclaims encroached property

Mysuru, July 14 (DM)- In yet another encroachment clearance drive in recent days, the MUDA on Monday reclaimed large parcels of landed properties which were encroached upon and sheds built on them, at two different localities of the city.

In the first case, the MUDA authorities demolished 16 sheds that were illegally constructed years ago on 12 sites, each measuring 30'x40', in Vidyaranyapuram. The total value of the sites that were reclaimed is estimated at about Rs. 8 crore.

In the second case, MUDA authorities demolished a shed that was constructed on a 100'x180' ft big site reserved for a park in Hanchya Sathagalli A-Zone Layout, by creating fake documents for the said site and reclaimed the landed property, the value of which is estimated at Rs. 2 crore.

MUDA Zonal Officers S.K. Bhaskar and G. Mohan, Assistant Engineers Harish, Rajashekar and other officials were present, according to a press release issued by MUDA Commissioner.

KSOU strikes gold in Silver Jubilee year

● 29,000 take admission; UGC approves 11 new courses including M.Sc

● R&D centre, data centre to make KSOU a secure, one-stop digital learning institute

Mysuru, July 14 (MTY&BCT)- On its 25th anniversary (Silver Jubilee) this year, the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has announced that the University Grants Commission has granted approval to start 11 new courses. "This is a Silver Jubilee gift to us," KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar told reporters yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at KSOU Hall yesterday to chronicle KSOU's journey from 1996-2021, he said that the 11 courses include M.Sc. Botany, Zoology, Food and Nutrition Science and Information Technology, B.Sc. General, Information Technology and Home Science, BBA and BCA and MA in Education and Telugu. Applications are being received for all these courses, he said.

Post-Graduate Open and Distance Learning (ODL) courses in Science in North Karnataka are in great demand. The KSOU will seek the UGC approval for five more courses, including MSW and BSW. "We have held online sessions with UGC authorities six times and the courses have been approved. For the proposed courses, a detailed plan of action has already been submitted to the UGC," Prof. Vidyashankar added.

The KSOU is currently offering 31 courses and the number has now increased to 42. The Varsity is planning to increase the number of courses to 50. KSOU is now the sole institution running ODL courses, he said, thanking the Government for giving KSOU the exclusive right to offer ODL courses. On MBA courses, he said that the KSOU had sought All India Council for Technical Education recognition. "We will approach the UGC seeking renewal of recognition that ends in 2023," he added.

KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar addressing a press conference at KSOU Hall in city yesterday.

Record admission amid COVID

Interestingly, KSOU recorded 22,000 admissions in July cycle-2020 and 7,000 in January cycle this year. In July cycle-2019, the admissions were around 11,000. Compared to the January cycle, more admissions happen in the July cycle.

"At a time when COVID pandemic has hit other universities, we have registered more admissions and this is due to the faith in our courses, processes and also quality. Students and degree seekers have reposed faith in us and have enrolled in our courses," he said.

On the recognition for the degrees awarded in academic years 2013-14 and 2014-2015, Prof. Vidyashankar said that the KSOU is committed to the UGC approvals and making all efforts to secure approvals. "UGC has given recognition for the students admitted to courses till 2012-13. We are currently communicating with the State Government regarding this and we hope that clearance is given soon," the VC added.

Digital learning initiatives

On the other achievements of the KSOU, the VC said that the University has emerged as a pioneer in digital education. "We were the first to develop a new digital learning initiative called 'KSOU connect' and have shared it with many prestigious institutions like NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Amidst the pandemic, we conducted online classes and an open book exam, also first in the country," he added.

KSOU is becoming digitally self-reliant and establishing a Research and Development centre and a data centre to make KSOU a secure and a one-stop centre for complete digital learning. Three computer labs have been set up at KSOU. Till now, the Varsity was dependent on other university labs. KSOU is also ready to launch an exclusive studio for learning, he added.

Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan, Finance Officer A. Khader Pasha and others were present.

UGC accords 12B status to KSOU; advises taking part in NIRF ranking

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has sanctioned 12B status to KSOU, according to a communiqué received at the Office of the Registrar of the varsity last evening. Under Section 12(B) as per UGC Act, 1956, colleges and universities are eligible for assistance from the Government of India or any organisation receiving funds from the Centre. Following the visit of the UGC Expert Committee to KSOU on Feb. 5 and 6 this year, the proposal of KSOU for 12B status and compliance report was submitted before the Standing Committee of UGC members on July 1. The committee considered the report of the Expert Committee along with the compliance submitted by the University.

The KSOU has been advised to participate in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking and get National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation at the earliest. The faculty sanctioned and in position should be as per concerned statutory councils and UGC, the communiqué read.

UoM to conduct Ph.D course work classes online

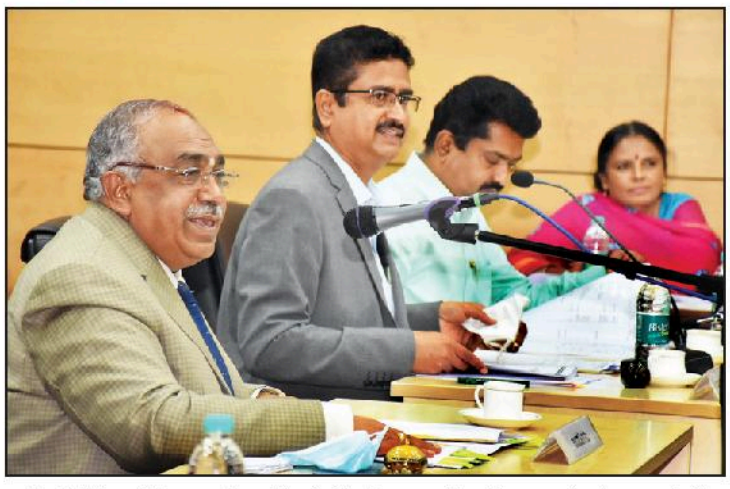
One-time arrangement but candidates must attend exams in person

Mysuru, July 14 (RKB&SSV)- The Academic Council of University of Mysore (UoM) gave its consent to conduct Ph.D course work classes online following the suspension of offline classes owing to COVID-19 pandemic.

Announcing this at the Academic Council meeting here yesterday, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that consequent to suspension of offline Ph.D course work classes due to COVID pandemic, several candidates had presented memorandum seeking conducting the course work classes online. Based on their request, the Varsity had decided to conduct classes online only for the year 2020-21.

Over 200 candidates have taken Ph.D courses and they will be benefited.

"This special arrangement is only for this year; students must appear for examination in person," he clarified.



UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar (extreme left) addressing the Academic Council meeting yesterday.

Buddhist Studies

The VC said that Prof. G. Somashekar, Director, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri, had submitted a proposal for the establishment of Centre for Buddhist Studies to the Registrar in 2020. This will be sent to the State Government approval.

At this juncture, Prof. Muzaffar H. Assadi, Professor, Department of Political Science, opined to incorporate the word 'Buddha Dhamma' instead of 'Buddha Dharma' while sending the proposal to the Government.

MLC R. Dharmasena urged the University authorities to start the Centre for Hinduism Studies with a view to clear the doubts about the meaning of Hinduism.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar said the proposal on Buddhist Studies will be sent to the Government after the experts vet it. The Varsity will not start the Centre immediately owing to fund crunch. It will be done once the financial condition improves, he added.

Online classes

The Academic Council also ratified a subject on conducting online classes for two candidates of M.Sc in Clinical Embryology and Pre-Implantation Genetics, as 'special case' due to prevailing Corona crisis. The examination of 2nd and 4th semester of this course with regard to Asia Pacific Institute of Embryology, Mysuru, for the students of the academic year 2018-20 was scheduled from Sept. 22, 2020.

But due to COVID-19 pandemic, two students could not write the examinations as they were in other countries and also the international flights were ceased during that period.

On May 29, 2021, the Institute authorities had requested to conduct the examinations of two semesters on online basis. As the students were from foreign countries, they could not come and write the examinations in person.

The meeting also decided to keep on hold the re-christening of B.Sc and M.Sc courses in Speech & Hearing following objections from the Department of Higher Education.

The VC informed the members that the Varsity had planned to change B.Sc course as Bachelor in Audio and Speech Language Pathology (BASLP) and M.Sc course as Masters in Audio and Speech Language Pathology (MASLP).

The Department has suggested the Varsity to change certain regulations without which re-naming of the courses was not possible. So, the fresh proposal will be forwarded to the Government only after making necessary changes in regulations, he added.

Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar (Administration) and Prof A.C. Jnana Prakash, Registrar (Evaluation), Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjankumar, MLC R. Dharmasena and others attended.

Home Minister inaugurates High School Block, Swimming Pool and Boys Hostel at Police Public School

Mysuru, July 14 (PM&SSV)- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is on a two-day visit to Mysuru, participated in a slew of programmes this morning.

He laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Administrative Block of District Armed Reserve (DAR) and Armoury building and residence of Superintendent of Police, Mysuru District, at DAR Grounds in Jyothinagar here. The cost of construction is Rs. 1.95 crore.

He also performed the guddaji puja for the construction of proposed Police Quarters at a cost of Rs. 1.4 crore at Jalapuri.

Bommai inaugurated the newly-built High School Block, Boy's Hostel, Swimming Pool and other development works at Police Public School, constructed at a cost of Rs. 33.28 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, the Home Minister promised to provide Sports Ground and Girls Hostel at Police Public School in a phased manner. He said while parents were part of the school, mothers play an important role in upbringing of children.

All the functions were held amidst incessant rain. The umbrellas were held on VVIPs' to protect them from rain. MLAs Tanveer Sait and K. Mahadev, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, DG&IGP Praveen Sood, In-charge ADGP (Training) P. Harishekaran, Karnataka Police Housing Corporation MD & ADGP A.S.N. Murthy, IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police R. Chetan and others were present.

'Self-defense' training for College students

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FSL Labs

To improve detection of crime, the Minister said Forensic Science Laboratories (FSL) will be established at six places in the State including Mysuru. The purpose of this was to prepare the personnel for crime detection and the knack of collecting evidences on the crime scene. On many occasions, evidences were destroyed on the crime spot and it would become difficult for the investigating officers to crack the cases. The FSL would start functioning from the current year, he added.

Do good for society

Bommai called upon the probationers to use the discretionary powers bestowed on them to do good for the society.

People have a lot of respect, love and fear on Police Department and that must be protected by discharging duty impartially. Some people live even after death because of their achievements. Similarly, the probationers must become achievers by protecting good people and punishing the baddies, he advised.

The job of Police was always challenging and they must accept it to deliver justice to everyone, he observed. On the occasion, Bommai announced a special cash reward of Rs.5 lakh to KPA for imparting good training to newly-recruited Police.

Earlier, Bommai was given a guard of honour. He took the salute and inspected the colourful march-past by the probationary officers.

Vipul Kumar, Director, KPA, administered oath to probationers. DG&IGP Praveen Sood, P. Harishekaran, In-Charge ADGP (Training), Dr. Suman D. Pennekar, Deputy Director, KPA, Dr. Chandragupta, Police Commissioner, Mysuru and other senior Police Officers were present.

WINNERS ALL

All Round Best Probationer: B.S. Bhuthegowda, Dy.SP (Civil) - Chief Minister's Trophy, CM's Sword and DG & IGP Baton
Best Lady Probationer: Dhanya S. Nayak, DySP (Civil) - Home Minister's Trophy
Best Indoor: Gajanan Sutar, Dy.SP (Civil) - Home Minister's Cup
Best Outdoor : R. Lakshmikanth, Dy.SP (Civil) - DG&IG Cup
Best Rifle Firing: R. Lakshmikanth, Dy.SP (Civil).
Best Revolver Firing: G. Nikita, Dy.SP (Civil).
Director's Assessment Cup: Dhanya S.Nayak, Dy.SP
Best Outdoor Lady Probationer: G. Nikita, Dy.SP

Probationary SIs

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Best Outdoor: Siddappa Gudi, PSI (Civil) - DG&IG Cup
Best Rifle Firing: Maruti Gopali, PSI (Civil)
Best Revolver Firing: Pushpa (DSI)
Director's Assessment Cup: Pushpa (DSI)
Best Outdoor Lady Probationer: Pushpa (DSI)

Wireless Probationers

All Round Best Probationer: K. Sureshkumar, PSI (Wireless)

Police Intelligence Wing

All Round Best Probationer: B.J. Manju, PSI (Intelligence)

Reserve Sub-Inspector

All Round Best Probationer: Shivananda Banta, RSI

Out of 20 Dy.SP probationers, 16 belonged to Civil and four to Excise Department. Their training began on July 13, 2020 and completed on July 12, 2021. Of the total 129 PSIs, 76 belonged to Civil, 9 DSI, 5 Finger Prints Bureau, 9 Wireless and 19 RSI. In fact, they had completed training on March 18, 2020 but the passing out parade could not be held following the outbreak of Corona. So, they participated in today's passing out parade.

- B.S. Bhuthegowda donned the role of Parade Commander
- R. Lakshmikanth, Dy.SP studied at Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru.

'I stand by my words on KRS'

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A heavy posse of Policemen and Karnataka State Industrial Security Force was deployed in the vicinity of the Dam. Barring the MP and officials of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), others were not allowed during the inspection.

Soon after her visit, member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar too visited the Dam around which a political slugfest took place between Sumalatha and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy and all those JD(S) legislators who are loyal to him.

The MP was taken around the Dam at various levels and she visited Gate 106 and 114 and also the place from where water will be released (sluice gates) today due to increased inflow from Kodagu District. She took information about the status of the Dam, repair works that have been undertaken in the past, crack-filling grouting work done in the past and the reasons for the cracks and also the works being undertaken now to replace the worn out gates.

Speaking to reporters after the inspection, the Mandya MP said that she stood by her words that the mining posed a threat to the Dam and cracks had been developed over the years. "If the cracks had not developed why the crack-filling grouting works were undertaken by spending crores of rupees," she questioned.

Dam safety certifying authority

There is no change in my stand over the Dam. I am looking for the answers from the CNNL officials in writing about the safety of the Dam, especially due to the mining activities. I won't accept any statements until and unless officials give it in writing. I should show it to the people who voted for me," MP Sumalatha said.

On the CNNL Managing Director K. Jaiprakash clarifying that there are no cracks in the Dam and also the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) consultant and Dam Safety Review Panel (DSRP) saying that there is no structural defect in the wall of the structure, the Mandya MP reacted that these people are not qualified to certify the safety of the Dam.

"These officers are not the qualifying authority. They can just submit reports. Even I asked the CNNL authorities at the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at Mandya recently and they told me that they are not the qualifying authority to certify the safety of the Dam but they can just submit a report," Sumalatha said.

On a question from reporters on who is actually the qualifying authority, Sumalatha said, "I have informed all the people concerned and the Dam certification authority will visit the Dam soon and issue a proper certification. I am not going to leave this and I will reach a logical end come what may, even in the face of bitter criticism against me."

Another panel to study impact of illegal mining on KRS Dam: Minister Ashok

Mysuru, July 14 (RKB&SSV)- Mandya Deputy Commissioner will be asked to constitute a committee of experts to look into complaints of threat to KRS Dam from illegal mining and to make the spot visit. If there is any threat from mining to the Dam, the State Government will not hesitate to shut them, said Revenue Minister R. Ashok.

Talking to reporters at Suttur Mutt here this afternoon, the Minister said the purpose of visiting Mysuru and Mandya was to convene a meeting regarding the safety of KRS Dam. "Already, experts have given a report ruling out any cracks. But, since some people are expressing concern, another committee will be set up," he said.

Import of Rolls-Royce Ghost car

Madras HC dismisses Tamil actor Vijay's plea, imposes Rs. 1 lakh fine

Court Says "Tax Evasion Anti-National"

Chennai, July 14 (UNI& Agencies)- The Madras High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition filed by Tamil film actor Joseph Vijay Chandrasekhar, known mononymously as Vijay, seeking exemption from entry tax for importing a Rolls-Royce car from England in 2012.

Dismissing the petition, Justice S.M. Subramaniam also imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh on the actor, with a direction to pay the amount to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund within two weeks.

In case the actor fails to pay the fine in time, the Court asked the respondents in this case — the Home Department (Transport), the Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Taxes) of the Chennai Assessment Circle and both the Regional Transport Officer and Motor Vehicle Inspector of Chennai South — to initiate all further actions, following the procedure.

The order came on a petition by the actor challenging the demand for payment of what he called "extraordinary" entry tax by Transport authorities to register his imported car, even after paying duty to the Customs Department. The market price of the Rolls-Royce Ghost, according to his own Counsel, could be at least Rs. 5 crore.

> The Judge pointed out that the petitioner, officially known as C. Joseph Vijay, had not even mentioned his profession or occupation in his affidavit. "The fact that he was an actor came to light only after his Counsel made a mention," Justice Subramaniam said.

The Judge observed that paying tax was one's duty and not a philanthropic act. "It is a duty. People see actors as real heroes. They should not behave like reel heroes. Tax evasion is anti-national and un-constitutional," the Judge said.

These actors portray themselves as champions of social justice. But in reality, they are seeking tax exemptions, the Court noted. "A person paying tax punctually and promptly is to be considered a real hero," Justice Subramaniam said.

The taxation system is the backbone of the nation's economy, the Judge said and pointed out that payment of tax is mandatory "and not a voluntary payment or donation, which one decides on one's own."

The Judge also noted that the common man should be motivated and encouraged to behave like lawful citizens and to pay tax. While so, the Judge remarked that if rich, affluent and reputed persons fail to pay tax, "then this Court with pain, records that it would be a long way to achieve the Constitutional goals."

CoWIN-KAR pilot project in city from next week

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The App has been developed by the State Health Department and the pilot project would be implemented in all the three Assembly segments in Mysuru (only city limits) from next week. If the pilot project is successful in Mysuru, the App will be extended to the entire State.

Orientation programme

As part of the pilot project implementation, a technical team headed by Prasanna Kumar of State War Room from Bengaluru had come to Mysuru yesterday and a day-long orientation programme for officials was held at Zilla Panchayat Hall where the software was unveiled and the nitty-gritties were explained. 38 health officers coming under various Primary Health Centres of Mysuru city, vaccinators and verifiers were part of the session that was held under the leadership of Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy. District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad was present.

How it works

Till now, those who wanted to get vaccinated had to register online through the CoWIN portal and they had to register their names within the available time of two to three minutes. With CoWIN-KAR, there will be no such time restrictions and beneficiaries can register their names, age, Aadhaar Number and the desired date of vaccination.

After this process, the persons in-charge of the district vaccination programmes and the Nodal Officers will collate data and based on the number of vaccination doses available in-stock or future arrivals, they will inform the date to the jab-seeker through the App.

Information about the vaccine availability will be relayed 24 to 36 hours before schedule and people can show the message at the vaccination centre to get inoculated. The App collects data and stores it at the back-end as per the age of the vaccine seekers.

The information will also include the date of vaccination availability, location and time along with details if it is Covishield or Covaxin. Separate information will also be supplied if the vaccine-seeker is a senior citizen, above 45 years of age or even frontline warriors. Information will be prioritised as per the target groups — like frontline warriors and senior citizens. After the priority groups receive their vaccines, the next will be 18 to 44 age groups.

With the CoWIN-KAR App, there will not be any disturbance or roadblocks to the walk-in vaccination programmes at any of the vaccination centres including Primary Health Centres. Only residents of Mysuru can register in the COWIN-KAR App.

CoWIN and CoWIN-KAR

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Immunisation Officer Dr. L. Ravi said that once the pilot project is fully implemented in Mysuru, beneficiaries need not register in the CoWIN App and instead go for CoWIN-KAR.

"We are launching the pilot project in Mysuru city limits from next week and for some time, both CoWIN and CoWIN-KAR Apps will function. If the pilot project is successful, the registration need not be done in the CoWIN App and as Aadhaar is entered in both the Apps, the CoWIN-KAR system can automatically pick up data," he added.

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NTM School hearing in High Court

Mysuru, July 14 - The Karnataka High Court (HC), which was to hear the case in respect of an independent petition filed by some persons seeking saving of NTM School on N.S. Road in Mysuru, the premises of which has been ordered by the Court to be handed over to Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Mysuru for the construction of proposed Viveka Memorial, had not come up for hearing when we went to the press at 2 pm today, according to sources. The Court, which had taken up the hearing on July 9, had adjourned it to July 14.

District Minister's tour

Mysuru, July 14 (KS)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar will be in city from July 15 to 17 to participating in various programmes.

July 15: 5 pm - Spot inspection of Hale Unduwadi Water Supply project; **July 16: 7 am -** Inspection of various works undertaken by MCC and MUDA; inaugurate the water tank at Vijayanagar 1st Stage; Dedicate pump house to supply Kabini water at Vijayanagar 4th Stage; **10.30 am -** Review meeting at MCC; **12.30 pm -** Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board progress review meeting; **3 pm -** To inaugurate Oxygen Plant set up by BAI, Mysuru and CREDAI at Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road.

July 17: Launch online tax payment system at MUDA and chair progress review meeting.

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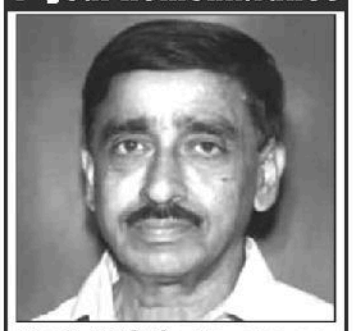

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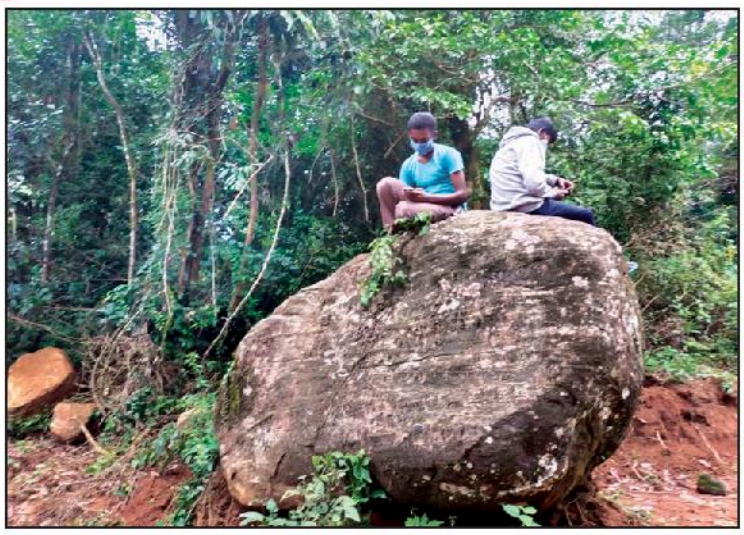
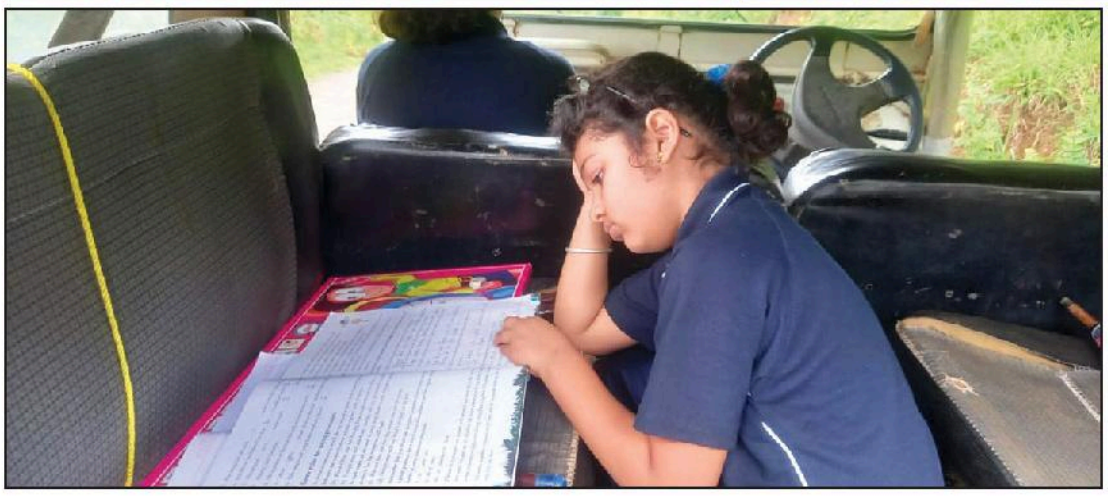




Virajpet, July 14 (Manjunath& BCT)- The online platform may be the only way to reach students during lockdown, but the digital medium comes with its own challenges. Students living in remote areas in Kodagu are facing trouble due to slow internet and connectivity issues. Lessons cannot be downloaded and they cannot attend online classes as videos and audios do not play.

Kodagu is one of the high-altitude districts in Karnataka and most of the areas have green cover and undulating terrain. However, this very feature poses a great challenge to the students in attending online classes due to poor internet connectivity.

Students are commonly seen sitting on the roadside on top of bridges and on the rocks where they attend online classes. Some of them climb trees risking their lives and limbs. While the internet may not be available inside some houses, faint signals are somewhat available at a distance. So parents have the task of taking the children to the area where connectivity is available and bringing them back home after classes.

Rain trouble too

Now it is raining across the district and students can't even sit in the open outside. They sit inside jeeps and other vehicles to protect themselves from rain. There is hardly any mobile network in remote villages in Virajpet Taluk like Kedamullur, Birunani, Badagarakeri, Hysodlur, Nittoor, Karmad, Kunda and also Hathur.

To attend the online classes, these students have no option but to find a spot where they get proper connectivity. And there are very few places where they get an internet connection on the phone. Added to the connectivity issues, many areas are in the dark due to frequent tree falls. Villages like Kedamullur, Badaga, Thermemotte, Baarikaadu, Kottooli, Thomara and Koorthikaadu do not get power restored for weeks together in case wires snap.

"Due to the lack of a mobile network in my village, I have to walk into the forests where I can get faint signals. Our village is one of the places where basic communication facilities are missing and villagers have to walk towards the forests at the time where they get signal on their phones. Sometimes it rains when we are outside and we are not able to study," said M.C. Nireeksha, a 10th Standard student at Heggala Ramanagara School.

Students are the ones who are suffering the most as they have to travel 3-4 km at times during the lockdown to attend online classes, she added. At remote villages where there is undulating terrain, mobile network is not balanced across the village and they get signal only in the upper reaches. A majority of students in the Kedamullur region have been studying in the schools and colleges in Virajpet and 70 percent are the children of labourers.

"My house is in the lower part of Kedamullur village while good signal can be reached only in the upper reaches of the village, so my children are forced to trek till a particular point to study. This is a wooded area and there is a threat of wild animals. Along with my daughter I too walk 4 km to get connectivity and we only return in the evening," said Vishwanath, a parent.

Authorities nonchalant

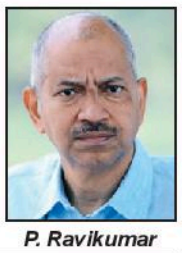
While this is the predicament faced by the students, those in positions of power sit tight saying that they have written many letters to higher-ups and there is no response. "BSNL provides connectivity to many areas in Kodagu and the offices of engineers, technicians and other staff are empty as there are hardly any employees. I have even written many letters to higher-ups for a mobile tower but there is no response," said Kedamullur Gram Panchayat President N. Sheela.

"There is a 2G BSNL tower in Virajpet-Kedamullur and it is a genuine problem. Letters have been written a month back to upgrade the tower to 4G network. The problem will be solved if a new tower is installed," said BSNL Virajpet Sub-Division Engineer Narayana. The officer was, however, silent on when the new tower will be installed or the existing tower would be upgraded to 4G.

5,766 Gram Panchayat libraries to have internet, TV facilities

Bengaluru, July 14 (UNI)- Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar held discussions with Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar on Monday to address internet and network issues faced by students in rural areas to make it easier for them to attend online classes.

Rural students are going up the hill, sitting on river banks and climbing trees to get the internet connection to attend classes. At a recent interaction, a student told the Minister that though the Government has given them gadgets, there is no network to use them.



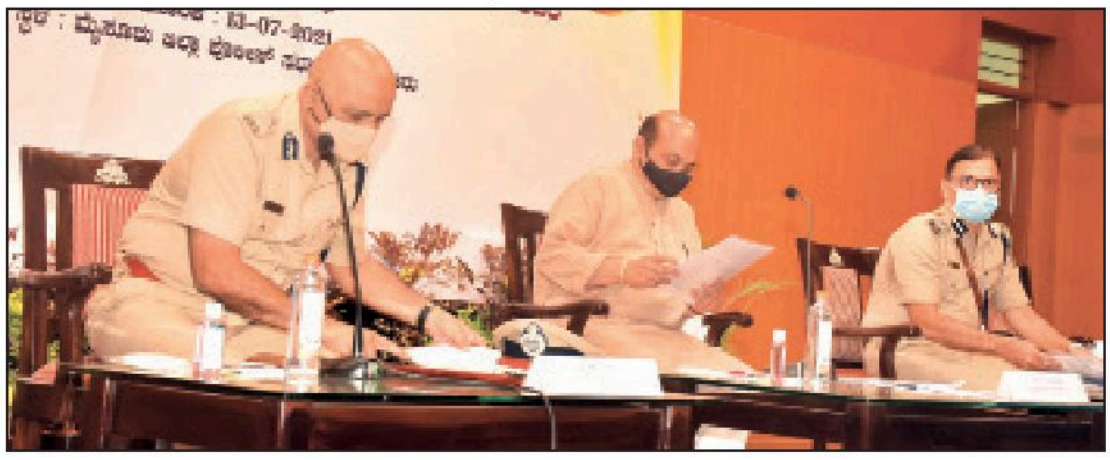
Suresh Kumar *P. Ravikumar*

Ravikumar is said to have briefed Suresh Kumar about a meeting between Additional Chief Secretary E.V. Ramana Reddy and internet service providers following instructions from Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan. Ravikumar told the Minister that the service providers said the network connectivity would be strengthened in rural areas.

Meanwhile, facilities will be created at several places in rural areas, including at Gram Panchayat libraries, for students to access internet and television. Suresh Kumar said that the discussion is on to equip 5,766 Gram Panchayat libraries with internet and TV facilities to help students who don't have access to online classes. He said that the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has also come forward to help these students.

'Do not expect any help from Govt. if you have done mistakes'

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai warns Police officials



Mysuru, July 14 (MK&AK)- "The State Government is with you, do your duty according to the law but do not expect any support from the Government if you have done mistakes," warned Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai to Police officials.

While addressing a review meeting at the SP Office in city, the Minister said, "State Police have gained good reputation across the country. Even Central Government insist our State Police to probe high-level cases. Officials should maintain this dignity in the future."

"Police officers should be aware of things happening around the Station limits. Even people should speak with Police with respect but not in fear. Also Cops should control rowdism, instead fearing them. Then people will lose faith in Police Department. Strict action should be taken to eradicate rowdism in order to protect the law," advised Bommai.

> "Some Police Stations are working like real estate agents. Some act as an agent, who represent the Police Station. People believe that their work will be done through such agents. So Department should be aware of such agents and strict action should be taken against them."
>
> **—Basavaraj Bommai, Home Minister**

Your success is govt's success

Basavaraj Bommai further added that the State Government is taking care of every aspect from Police recruitments, building of new Police Stations, children's education to building new Guest Houses for Police personnel. If Police is successful in protecting the law, then their success is State Government's success. Cops should always try to win in every work they do and this will happen only with greater confidence.

Importance to Mysuru

Not only just Bengaluru, Mysuru is also given top priority. Any changes or good works always begin from Mysuru city.

Like other districts, communal clashes, land related issues and others take place in city too which needs to be sorted out.

Stating that 44 murders took place in the district in 2019, out of which 14 cases are still being investigated from the past two years, Bommai questioned the officers "why there was no progress in those cases? Have Police compromised with murderers? or do they don't want to find the accused?" The culprits should be punished soon and if any officer is not doing proper duty remove him from the Department, the Minister directed.

Increasing cyber crimes

Speaking on the occasion, DG&IGP Praveen Sood said, "In the next ten years cyber crimes will increase rapidly. People involved in online fraud cannot be identified easily. However, if complaints are registered and investigated soon, victims can get back their lost money."

When any victim appoaches Police Station with Cyber Crime complaint, instead of asking them to go to Cyber Crime Station, immideate action should be taken and complaint can be registered later, he adviced the Cops.

Chain snatched in city

Mysuru, July 14 (YDS&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain from a 47-year-old woman near Agrahara in city yesterday night.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is Manjula, a resident of Paduvarahalli in city.

Manjula, who had come to Agrahara on some work, was walking near Uttaradi Mutt, when two persons on a bike from behind, yanked off her 20 grams gold chain and sped away.

A case has been registered at K.R. Police station.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, July 14 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man between Sagarakatte-K.R. Nagar Railway Stations on July 12 and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is 5.3 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, normal built, oval faced, sports beard and moustache, has red and black coloured woven thread tied around his neck and was wearing a grey and purple striped full arm shirt and cream coloured shorts with brown stripes.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Mysuru Railway Police Station.

Obituary

Syed Moinuddin

Mysuru, July 14- Syed Moinuddin alias Iqbal (62), Organising Secretary of KPCC Minority Wing Department, Mysuru, a social worker and a resident of K.T. Street, near Lala Miyan Physical Education Centre at Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday night following cardiac arrest.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his mother, four brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle today, according to sources.

National Moth Week-2021

Webinar, Post Card Drawing, Quiz & Essay Competitions

Mysuru, July 14- As part of National Moth Week-2021 celebrations, Mysore Science Foundation, affiliated to Vigyan Prasar and Harish R. Bhat Science Foundation (HRBSF) have jointly organised a National-level Webinar on July 17 and 18 from 6 pm to 7.30 pm.

July 17: R. Chaturved Shet, Researcher and Co-Founder, HRBSF, Bengaluru, will talk on the topic 'Moths: Introduction and Importance.'

Chaturved Shet

Shaikh Hussain

July 18: Shaikh Hussain, Wildlife Biologist, Conservationist and Founder-Member of Moth Society of Telangana, will talk on the topic 'Moths: Documentation, Research Methodologies and Community Participation.' Interested may join the Webinar by using Google Meet link ***https://meet.google.com/jqg-dbai-juv***

POST CARD DRAWING

A Post Card Drawing Competition has been organised for Primary (5th, 6th & 7th standard) and High School (8th, 9th and 10th standard) students of the State on the topic 'Moths and its habitat.'

Registration Fee: Rs. 20; **Registration Form:** *https://forms.gle/22m5xpXEVyxPA9sH8*

Instructions: Send only one drawing; Use only Postcard of 'India Post' for drawing; Can use any technique, colour and media; Candidates are advised to independently draw the diagram without seeking any kind of external help. **Last date to receive the drawing is July 25.** Draw a picture on one side of the postcard and on the other side write addresses as shown below:

From: Category: Primary/High School Name: Class: School Name: Complete Home Address: Whatsapp No:	To, G.B. Santhosh Kumar #621, Sangeetha, Sathagally, Shakthinagara Post Mysuru-570029 Mob: 8105503863

ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION

An Online Quiz Competition has been organised for 8th, 9th and 10th standard students of Karnataka.

Registration Fee: Rs. 20; **Registration Form:** *https://forms.gle/gz5uGs63hsNHwdwVA*

Instructions: All questions are multiple choice questions; There are 20 questions for 25 marks; There will be only 20 minutes to answer all questions. Once the time is over, the answer will not be recorded; The link to the question paper will be sent to the group you are joining with on the morning of July 25; **The quiz is open only from 11 am to 12 noon on July 25.** Be honest with your effort.

ESSAY COMPETITION

An Essay Competition on the topics 'Mesmerising Moths' OR 'Ecological Role of Moths in Nature' has been organised for PU, UG and PG students, teachers and interested public.

Registration Fee: Rs. 30; **Registration Form:** *https://forms.gle/J1L2H6RB2VAaPCQ67*

Instructions: Essay can be written in Kannada or English; Essay should be sent in Microsoft Word in Times New Roman font and in Font Size 12; Article should not exceed three A4 pages or 1,500 words; **e-mail essay to** *nmwmsfhrbsf@gmail.com* **before July 24;** Do not put any photos in the article; Type full name, address and mobile number at the end of the article.

REGISTRATION and PRIZES

To register for the competitions, one has to pay the respective registration fee through Google Pay to Mob: 81055-03863 [Name: G.B. Santhosh Kumar]; After payment, fill Registration Form through the respective links mentioned above. (While filling the Form join the Telegram group also).

While the first prize winner will get Rs. 1,000 cash + Rs. 2,000 worth Biodiversity Books + e-certificate, second prize winner will get Rs. 500 cash + Rs. 1,000 worth Biodiversity Books + e-certificate. All participants will get participation e-certificte.

For details, contact G.B. Santhosh Kumar on Mob: 81055-03863 or R. Chaturved Shet on Mob: 97420-90718.

WORD OF THE DAY

Wampish

Pronunciation: wam-pish, wahm.
Meaning: To wave about or flop to and fro.
Origin: Wampish,"to wave (one's arms) about; flop to and fro," is an exclusively Scots word, first appearing in Sir Walter Scott's The Antiquary, the third of his The Waverley Novels (1816). Wampish has no clear etymology and is probably of imitative or onomatopoeic origin.
Example: He "wampished" his arms over his head, and shouted "Habbocraws" at the pitch of his voice—the gravity of every one being completely upset by the occurrence. —Alexander Hislop, "Habbocraws." The Book Of Scottish Anecdote, 1874.

THE ODD WORD

Warble

Small tumour suffered by horses under the saddle area.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A diamond in the rough

Meaning: The phrase 'A Diamond in the Rough' refers to someone or something whose good qualities are hidden.
Origin: If you've ever seen an uncut diamond (a diamond in the rough,) you know it looks nothing like the sparkling gemstones found adorning rings and other jewelry. The origin of the idiom 'a diamond in the rough' isn't known, but it's safe to say that the term was used as early as the 1600s; a similar term first appeared in print in John Fletcher's 1624 A Wife for a Month: "She is very honest, and will be as hard to cut as a rough diamond."
Example: "This film is one of those diamonds in the rough – a wonderful gem that almost no one has noticed."

QUOTE BOX

You become what you believe. **—Oprah Winfrey**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a bottom at the top?

Answer : Your legs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Chow mein enhancer
4 Target or objective
8 Lamb's cry?
11 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
12 Gentle poke
14 Musical instrument
15 Snow runner
16 Helped out
17 ___ away : corroded?
18 Bangkok residents
20 Brother of Moses
22 Fidel's friend Guevara
24 2010 for the Romans
25 Dubious
28 Land temporarily under grass ?
30 Drinks like a cat
34 Laughing out loud, acronym?
35 Flightboard abbr.
36 Tech. Std. Order
37 Border on
39 British sailor
40 Noisome
41 Dubai locale
43 Clasp tightly in the arms
45 Voting substitute
48 Russian emperors
52 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
53 Choose by ballot
57 Viva la ___ : long live the king in French
58 Old time movie Anokhi ___
59 ___ the rod and spoil the child?
60 An ___ comparison : a correct simile?
61 Fashion monogram
62 Move around, in prison?
63 Cleaning agent

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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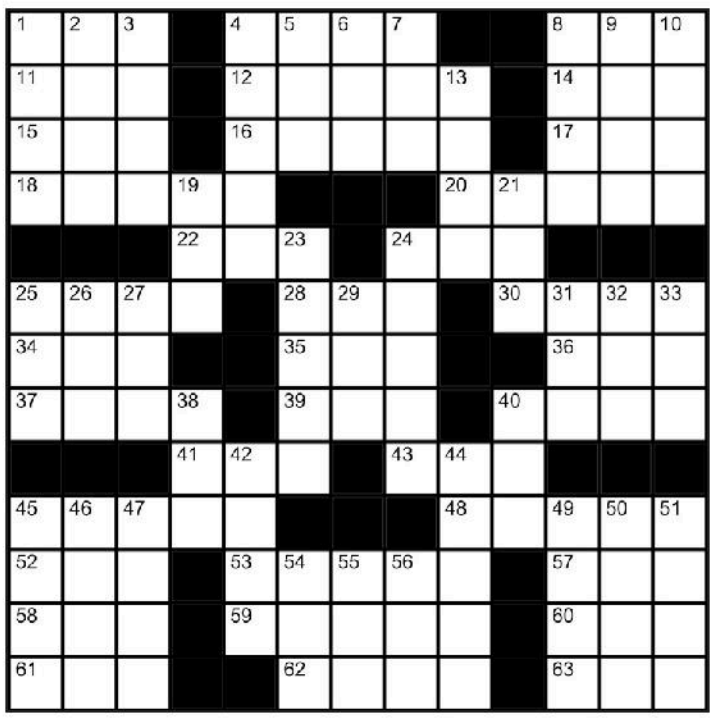
DOWN
1 Nail one's colours to the ___ : persist, refuse to give in?
2 That man from Punjab?
3 Greek goddess of the earth
4 Grind one's teeth
5 Alsace assent
6 Tot up?
7 Large, abbr.
8 Male swine
9 Another term for a car ?
10 Strange "Dane" to be in the Yemen
13 Dutch cheese
19 Very cold
21 Rock musician __ Rose
23 Thrill or enthuse
24 Aromatic resin
25 Playback singer Arun
26 Watch pocket
27 Influenza, colloquially speaking
29 Period of history
31 Start of a vol. 1 heading
32 Public Sector Unit, in short
33 Latin sun
38 Dinner jacket
40 Flight Guidance Sys.
42 Yes votes
44 Absolute
45 Drama
46 Communists, colloquially speaking
47 Egg-shaped
49 Russian sea
50 Substandard
51 Location
54 Long playing records, in short
55 ___ one's heart out : grieve quite a lot?
56 Le Dernier ___ : the last word (Fr.)



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Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	1	6	4	2	3	5	9
6	5	3	7	1	9	2	8	4
4	2	9	8	5	3	6	7	1
9	4	5	2	7	1	8	3	6
7	6	2	3	9	8	4	1	5
1	3	8	4	6	5	9	2	7
2	9	4	5	3	7	1	6	8
3	1	7	9	8	6	5	4	2
5	8	6	1	2	4	7	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YTF OFMHOU GA GEF UWYJ LV YTF

IGMFO YG AWQALQQ HEGYTFO.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The great thing about a computer notebook is that no matter how much you stuff into it, it doesn't get bigger or heavier.

2,500 students, staff receive jabs at St. Thomas School

Mysuru, July 14- A mega COVID-19 vaccination camp was organised at St. Thomas School in city on Tuesday. About 2,500 beneficiaries were administered Covishield in a single day as part of this joint initiative by the Department of Health and Family Welfare and St. Thomas School.

The serpentine queue of the people was extended for more than 1-km on both right and left side of the School compound. Whereas more than 500 people gathered inside the campus with social distance. The School had arranged emergency medical rooms, doctors, medicines and equipment required were in place to attend to people showing side-effects to the vaccine.

The mega COVID-19 vaccination drive was supported by MLA Ramdas who honoured frontline workers of the School at the end of the mega drive.

Meanwhile, the School has come up with a suitable theme for the year — "Preparing the School for a Pandemic-free Space."

1.60 lakh COVID vaccines given in KR Constituency: MLA Ramdas

Mysuru, July 14 (RKB&SSV)- Over 1.60 lakh vaccine doses have been administered in Krishnaraja (KR) Assembly Constituency, said MLA S.A. Ramdas.

He was speaking at a function organised in connection with administering second dose of COVID vaccination to beneficiaries and distributing the sanctioned letters of various social security schemes at J.P. Nagar Primary Health Centre here on Monday.

The MLA opined any work will become success provided everyone joined hands together. The citizens were taking vaccine without listening to vilification campaign by Opposition parties. "Already I have met and consoled those families which lost its members due to COVID-19 pandemic. The State Government has announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1 lakh to each member of family who died of COVID. The compensation will be distributed at their doorsteps in the coming days," he said.

Corporators Sharadamma Eshwar and Shanthamma Vadivelu, Deputy Tahsildhar Roopa, Taluk Medical Officer Dr. Mahadev Prasad, KR BJP President M.Vadivelu, General Secretaries Om Srinivas, J. Nagendrakumar and others were present.

Sree Cauvery FGC students, staff vaccinated

Sree Cauvery First Grade College (FGC) had organised COVID-19 Vaccination Drive on July 5 for the students in the College campus in Kuvempunagar. There was a good response by the students and the drive went on smoothly. Covishield vaccine was administered to 139 students and 12 staff of the College.

Free vaccination drive held at Amrita

Mysuru, July 14- A free vaccination drive was organised at the Mysuru campus of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham on July 8 for students and staff of the College. With the objective of vaccinating everyone, the drive was conducted with the help of Primary Health Centre (PHC), T.K. Layout, Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru.

On the occasion, a total of 115 students and staff got vaccinated with Covishield. The drive was formally inaugurated in the presence of Br. Anantaananda Chaitanya, Director, Amrita Mysuru; Br. Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent; Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita; Dr. Rekha Bhat, Academic Coordinator, Mysuru Campus and medical staff of PHC, T.K. Layout and ASHA workers.

Over 200 students, staff inoculated at JSS College for Women

Mysuru, July 14- Vaccination drive was conducted at JSS College for Women on July 9.

In all, 180 students and 32 members of the staff received free vaccination (Covishield).

Dr. K.V. Suresha, Principal, Dr. H.B. Suresh, Academic Dean, Dr. H.S. Kongalappa, Coordinator of Red Cross Unit, H.G. Pradeep, Vaccination Nodal Officer, Prathap, NSS Programme Coordinator and Dr. Geetha, Health Officer, were present during the inauguration.

A team of 15 members led by Dr. Geetha conducted vaccination and RT-PCR test.

Colleges to re-open after vaccination

Hubballi, July 14 (UNI) - Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan on Monday said Colleges will reopen after vaccination of students, teachers and staff is completed across the State.

Speaking to newsmen here he said the Government has not taken a decision on the reopening of Colleges. However, the Department is making preparations for reopening, keeping in mind the fact that they may open once vaccination is complete, he said.

"The process of reopening Colleges and Universities is fraught with challenges. However, how long can we go on like this? Life should be back on track as soon as possible. We have to take enough safety measures and aim at reopening Colleges. In this regard, universal vaccination of all College students is the only way ahead," he said.

"On the one hand, we are vaccinating people and on the other hand, we are equipping hospitals to treat larger number of patients. There are over 6,000 beds for COVID-19 patients in Government Hospitals. We are appointing over 2,000 doctors, paramedical staff and Group D staff. All this will help us better manage the pandemic," he added.

He denied allegations that the Government had neglected its duty of vaccinating citizens.

'Second wave not over yet'

Bengaluru: Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar on Tuesday appealed to the people to continue to be cautious warning that the second wave of COVID-19 was not completely over yet.

Speaking to media persons here he said that even those who have taken two doses of vaccine should continue to take all precautionary measures. After the unlock, huge crowds are seen in markets and religious places and, therefore, it is important that people should strictly follow COVID-19 guidelines or else they risk the possibility of inviting third wave, he said.

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Tender Reference No.	**BARC/SMF/CS/02/2020-21**
Name of work	Cosmetic maintenance work at BARC-SMF Project, Challakere, Chitradurga, Karnataka.
Estimated Cost	₹ **16,50,000/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs and Fifty thousand only)
Period of Completion	**12 (Twelve) Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	Nil.
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